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 For: System and Method of Using)
 the Public Switched telephone)
 Network in Providing)
 Authentication or)
 Authorization for Online)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In pending claim 42, second last line thereof, please replace "receiving" with --received--.

Please enter the following additional claims prior to examination of the above-identified application:

47. An authorization system comprising:
 first and second electronic networks which are, at least in part;
 different;
 first and second terminals, with each terminal associated with a
 respective network;
 instructions for receiving an inquiry from the first terminal, via the first
 network;

instructions for establishing an address of the second terminal on the second network;

instructions for establishing a communications link, on the second network, with the second terminal;

instructions for transmitting confirmatory information, via the first network, to the first terminal;

instructions for receiving a representation of the confirmatory information, via the second network, from the second terminal;

instructions for comparing the received representation to the transmitted information and for producing a comparison indicating indicium; and

instructions, responsive to the comparison indicium, for conducting an authorization process and for generating an authorization related indicium.

48. A system as in claim 47 wherein the second network comprises a switched telephone system with a wireless portion.

49. A system as in claim 48 wherein the second terminal comprises one of a land line telephone and a wireless phone.

50. A system as in claim 48 wherein the communications link of the second network is established simultaneously with another communications link using the first network.

51. A system as in claim 48 which includes instructions for displaying the confirmatory information on the first terminal.

52. A system as in claim 47 for authorizing a charge to a financial account wherein the inquiry from the first terminal includes a financial account designator.

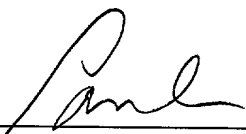
53. A system as in claim 52 wherein the instructions for conducting an authorization process comprise instructions for evaluating if a proposed charge to the designated account will be accepted.

54. A system as in claim 53 for authorizing a charge to a credit-type account wherein the instructions for evaluating comprise instructions for determining if a proposed charge to a designated credit-type account will be accepted as an increase to an amount due on the respective account.

REMARKS

Prior to examination; please add the above additional claims to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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